Koraput. During the course of such reviews, the following action points have been identified for implementation:—

(i) Strengthening of village level administrative infrastructure.

(ii) Stepping up of activities of District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAS) and Integrated Tribal Development Agencies (ITDAS).

(iii) Expediting the work of compiling details of various projects/ schemes.

(iv) Relief Commissioner, Bhawanipatna, to direct, coordinate and monitor various employment generating activities in the area.

(v) Implementation of various programmes for vulnerable groups, public distribution and health.

(vi) Immdiate preparation of systematic, long-term programme in agriculture, horticulture, welfare and other sectors.

Government of Orissa has also prepared an Action Plan for execution of drought mitigation works during April-June 1993. The monitoring of employment and other drought relief measures is being done periodically.

Development of herbicides for wheat crops

544. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for declining yields in India's wheat belt spread over the North India;

(b) how far is the incidence of weed resistance to chemicals responsible;

(c) how many types of herbicides have been developed for wheat crops; and

(d) how far efforts have been successful to build a new system of resistance into wheat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) There is no decline in yields in India's wheat belt spread over North India.

(b) It is likely that some weeds may develop resistance to some of the chemicals in future. However, no incidence of weed resistance to chemicals has been reported so far.

(c) Although there are number of herbicides developed but only following eight herbicides are registered under Insecticide Act for weed control in wheat crop;

1. 2, 4—D
2. Isoproturon
3. Methabenzthiazuron
4. Metozuron
5. Triallate
6. Dichlormate
7. MCPA
8. Pendimethalin

(d) No efforts have been made to develop weed resistance into wheat.

Hunger and poverty States

545. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:
SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 11th April, 1993 under the caption "Daughter on sale for a bag of rice";

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;